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IN ECA CONFERENCE

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1. IN PREPARING SUBJECT PAPERS, AF/E MAY WISH DRAW ON
BRIEFING MATERIALS EMBASSY PREPARED FOR AMB YOUNG'S JUST
CONCLUDED VISIT TO TANZANIA. SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
TWO TOPICS RAISED REFTEL FOLLOW.

2. PROBLEM AREAS IN OUR ASSISTANCE -- DAR 360 (TANZANIA'S
ECONOMY) AND DAR 381 (AID TO TANZANIA) BRIEFLY DESCRIBE
THE SETTING.

A. SPECIFIC PROBLEM WHICH MAY COME UP IN MEETINGS CONCERN
OUTSTANDING COMPENSATION CLAIMS BY US CITIZENS FOR PROPERTY
EXPROPRIATED BY TANGOV. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION
PROVIDES FOR PENALTIES TO COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT MAKE SATIS-
FACTORY PROGRESS IN SETTLING SUCH CLAIMS. PARTICULARLY DURING
PAST TWO YEARS, USG HAS BEEN ACTIVELY URGING RESOLUTION IN
FOUR CASES (WHOSE TOTAL CLAIM VALUE IS LESS THAN \$200,000)
WHICH HAVE BEEN PENDING FOR THREE YEARS OR MORE. DESPITE
OUR EFFORTS, NONE OF THE CLAIMANTS HAS YET RECEIVED FULL
COMPENSATION. TANGOV HAS MADE PROGRESS ON TWO CLAIMS AND
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HAS INDICATED IT INTENDS TO RESOLVE ALL SUCH CASES. (DAR 597
AND 472 PROVIDE CURRENT STATUS REPORTS.)

B. WITH THE BREAKUP OF JOINT EAST AFRICAN CORPORATIONS, SUCH
AS AIRLINE, RAILWAY, AND HARBORS, TANZANIAN WILL BE FACED WITH
EXTRA BURDENS IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR. TANGOV IS
EXPECTED TO ASK FOREIGN AID DONORS TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING AND

DEVELOPING THIS SECTOR. FOR EXAMPLE, TANGOV ESTIMATES IT WILL NEED \$180 MILLION OVER 5 YEARS TO REFURBISH CENTRAL RAILWAY AND ADDITIONAL SUMS TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES DUPLICATING THOSE FORMERLY USED IN KENYA. (COMMENT: IT NOT YET CLEAR HOW EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CRISIS NOR KENYA-TANZANIA RELATIONSHIP WILL EVOLVE. OUR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON RURAL POOR AND SPECIFICALLY ON AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH. WE NOT INTENDING AT THIS TIME RECOMMEND ANY AID TO TRANSPORT SECTOR.)

3. GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES -- TANZANIA'S APPROACH TO THESE ISSUES IS DESCRIBED INTER ALIA IN DAR 354 (NYERERE'S ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY) AND DAR 187 (COMMENTS ON SEN. GRAVEL'S AID PROPOSAL). TANZANIA TENDS SUPPORT G-77 POSITIONS AND DOES NOT USUALLY PREPARE ITS OWN SPECIFIC PROPOSALS PRIOR TO INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. (SEE FOR EXAMPLE 76 DAR 1600 RE TANZANIA'S VIEWS ON UNCTAD.) TANZANIA FAVORS INTEGRATED COMMODITY FUND CONCEPT AND BUFFER STOCKS DESIGNED TO INSURE "FAIR" AND STABLE PRICES. (SEE FOR EXAMPLE 76 DAR 3208.)

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